

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE

IN RE HANNAFORD BROS. CO.]	
CUSTOMER DATA SECURITY]	MDL DOCKET No. 2:08-MD-1954
BREACH LITIGATION]	

Consumers have sued Hannaford and Sweetbay supermarkets for failing to protect against the electronic theft of data from the use of credit and debit cards. The consumers claim damages resulting from fraudulent charges on their cards that have not been reimbursed by a bank, the cost of credit monitoring services and identity theft insurance, other related expenses, and emotional distress. They also ask that the courts order Hannaford and Sweetbay to enhance their data security networks and provide identity theft insurance to affected consumers. A merchant that accepts preauthorized payments by credit and debit card also filed a lawsuit against Hannaford. The supermarkets have not yet filed a response to the complaints.

Cases filed in Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York, have been transferred to Maine for consolidated pretrial proceedings before United States District Judge D. Brock Hornby. On July 25, 2008, Judge Hornby appointed Peter L. Murray of Murray, Plumb & Murray and Lewis J. Saul of Lewis Saul & Associated as interim lead counsel for the plaintiffs. The next major event scheduled on the docket is the expected filing of a consolidated amended complaint by September 12, 2008.

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